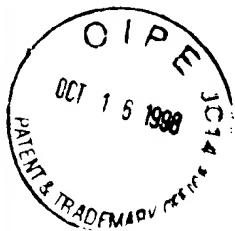


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Serial No.: 08/844,215

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is an amendment in the above patent application in response to the Office Action of April 10, 1998 with a 3-month extension. The date for response was October 10, 1998 which was a Saturday. Monday October 12, 1998 was a legal holiday. Accordingly, the due date for the response was October 13, 1998.

X Petition for Extension of Time enclosed.

X No additional amendment fee is required.

X Also enclosed: Associate Power of Attorney

No. of Claims After Amendment			Most Claims Previously Paid			Extra Claims		Additional Fee	
A. Total Claims	116	-	116	=	0	x	\$22	=	0.00
B. Ind. Claims	5	-	5	=	0	x	\$82	=	0.00
C. If amended to contain multiple dependent claims, add 270							\$270	=	\$0.00
D. Total Amendment Fee (Total of A, B & C)								=	0.00

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E. If small entity, 50% reduction of Total Amendment Fee (50% of D)	=	0.00
F. Total Amendment Fee (D minus E)	=	0.00

 X A check for \$ 950 to cover the extension of time fee is attached.

 Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action in the above-referenced case, mailed 10 April 1998. A three-month extension of time to respond is requested, and the fee therefor accompanies this paper. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please amend claims 31, 32, 34-63, 80, and 81 as follows: